

JSIS PTSA

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Move-a-thon is back for the first time since the pandemic! Save the date for **Saturday, Sept 30th, 2023 at Gas Works Park from 10am-1pm**. Get ready to move and have fun in our all-school PTSA-sponsored Move-a-Thon!

Kick off the school year with this community-building event! Students will have the opportunity to bike or walk/run around a short course at Gasworks. We'll also have other fun activities, like hula hooping and jump roping. Come any time during the event or stay for the whole time!

This year's event is not a fundraiser, but donations to the PTA are always welcome, as families might want to use this as an opportunity to ask extended family members to sponsor their kids. A donation link will be provided soon.

We're looking for volunteers to help plan this event. Please contact jessica.aronson@gmail.com if you're interested -- it's a great way to get involved at the beginning of the school year! We'll also need volunteers the day of the event and will be sending out the Sign-up Genius soon, so stay tuned!



Calendar

Sept 11th First day of school for kindergarten
Sept 11th PTSA Board Meeting, online via Zoom
Sept 14th Coffee with the Principal, 8-9am
Sept 15th ASA Financial Aid Application Deadline @ 10am
Sept 17th ASA General Registration Begins
Sept 22nd Fall Pictures
Sept 24th ASA Registration Closes
Sept 27th Balloon Drop, 8am
Sept 28th Curriculum Night
Sept 30th Move-a-thon
Oct 2nd ASA Classes Begin

Message from JSIS PTSA Board

Hello JSIS families,

We are off to a strong start of what will hopefully be a great year! We have lots of good stuff on our calendar to build up our community and advocate for a brighter future for our students, so keep an eye out for this newsletter every 2 weeks. Are you feeling inundated with emails and dates and forms? We are, too. But things will start to feel easier once things settle into this new routine. Your PTSA board will do our best to keep you informed without going over or under!

Here's to a wonderful school year!

In community,

Sam Gutierrez
JSIS PTSA President
2023-2024

JSIS PTSA Happenings

Become a PTSA Member

For over 120 years, PTAs have helped solve some of the biggest issues facing America's children. Many of the structures all children benefit from today, such as child labor laws, universal kindergarten, the National School Lunch Program and the juvenile justice system, were accomplished as a result of PTA members' advocacy. Today we invite you to become a member! Your membership fee supports advocacy work done at the local, state, and national level for public schools. Once you become a member, *there is no further obligation*. Your membership alone strengthens advocacy efforts at the State and National level. You can, but are not required to, attend meetings and vote on business. You can do as little or as much as your time and energy allow. As a bonus, your membership gives you access to a multitude of discounts.

Are you ready to join? A family membership fee is \$20, that covers your main household. If your family would like to request a scholarship to cover the cost, please email president@jsispta.org.



Volunteer at JSIS!

Children do better when families are involved at their school. Volunteering is a way to put your love for your children and community into action. We want to help you get involved in a way that excites you, and fits your schedule and interests. Fill out a short form to join our JSIS Rockstars Pool, and we will keep you posted on opportunities! Please note that some volunteering positions would require you to be an approved SPS volunteer, so it is a good idea to get that process started.



Don't get communication overload! It is easy to get overwhelmed by the amount of info we receive from JSIS, our PTSA, and Seattle Public Schools. To help you keep your communication channels straight, here is a breakdown of what you can expect from each:

1. **Emails from Ms Sarah:** our principal sends a newsletter every Friday with school-related information. Occasionally, she will echo information from the PTSA, but for the most part this is strictly JSIS business.
2. **Emails from our PTSA:** This is the PTSA main, official channel of communication for all things PTSA - events, volunteer opportunities, community resources, meeting links, etc. You will only receive them IF you have registered to our Directory and indicated you want to receive communication from us. The newsletter you are reading (called eNews) goes out once every 2 weeks. If you know a fellow parent who is not receiving this newsletter and would like to, point them in the direction of our Directory team: jsisdirectory@gmail.com On occasion, we will send separate emails for big events that merit it. For example: our only fundraiser of the year, the "Students First" campaign, or the traditional Monster Mash we have in late October.
3. **Facebook Page:** we have a parent-led page called JSIS Families. This is an unofficial channel of communication, and anyone can post there. PTSA uses it to share quick reminders on upcoming events. If you are not a FB user, you will not miss out on any info as long as you are registered to our directory and have elected to receive our emails.
4. **Whatsapp class chats:** these are a good way to connect with other parents in your children's classes to discuss playdates, sports teams, etc. They are organized by language track and graduating class (the year your child will finish 5th grade). These are also unofficial channels of communication, and the PTSA rarely uses them for business purposes. Their purpose is simply to connect you with class parents.
5. **SPS communication:** if you have been in the Seattle Public School system for a while, you know that they tend to saturate us with info. If you are new to it, be prepared for lots of emails and text messages and calls. These are all channels that SPS uses to communicate, and the JSIS PTSA has nothing to do with them.



Show your JSIS School Spirit! The JSIS 2023-2024 Spirit Store is now open and ready to take your orders for JSIS logo tees, sweatshirts, hats, bags, backpacks, and more! You can also customize a garment with your name on the back. Great for back to school or holiday gifts.

Take a look at our store here! New this year: the store will remain open through the school year. Orders received by the 25th of each month will be fulfilled by the 5th of the following month, and sent directly to your home.

For questions, please contact Laurette Loera (rettel@hotmail.com), our volunteer in charge of Logowear.



ASA is back with our fall session!

Scholarships are open for request - if you are interested in applying for scholarships, please do so here: [2023 Fall ASA Financial Aid Request - Google Forms](#)

Also, the fall schedule can be found here: [After-school classes at John Stanford International School - 6crickets](#)

Important dates to note:

Scholarship applications close **Friday, Sept. 15 at 10am.**

Registration opens **Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6pm.**

Registration closes **Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6pm.**

Classes begin the week of **October 2nd.**

Any questions? Contact ASA Team at jsisafterschoolactivities@gmail.com



<p>Beginner Hand Sewing & Crafts</p> <p>ONSITE</p> <p>Beginner Hand Sewing & Crafting</p> <p>Grade K-2 Wed, Oct 4 + more dates</p> <p>Little Hands Creations ★★★★☆</p>	<p>Guitar Classes</p> <p>ONSITE</p> <p>Guitar Classes</p> <p>Grade K-1 Fri, Oct 6 + more dates</p> <p>Music Kids LLC ★★★★☆</p>	<p>JOHN STANFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL</p> <p>ONSITE</p> <p>SEL and Parkour Based Movement Games</p> <p>Age 5-8, Grade K-2 Mon, Oct 2 + more dates</p> <p>Kong Academy ★★★★☆</p>
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Useful Links

Volunteer at JSIS:

[Submit a volunteer application with SPS](#)

[Join our Rockstars Pool](#)

[Volunteering at JSIS Ideas](#)

Stay in touch!

[Visit the PTSA website](#)

[Follow us on Facebook](#)

Join your grad class whatsapp chat:

Kindergarten - [Class of 2029 Spanish](#)

Kindergarten - [Class of 2029 Japanese](#)

1st Grade - [Class of 2028 Spanish](#)

1st Grade - [Class of 2028 Japanese](#)

2nd Grade - [Class of 2027 Spanish](#)

2nd Grade - [Class of 2027 Japanese](#)

3rd Grade - [Class of 2026 Spanish](#)

3rd Grade - [Class of 2026 Japanese](#)

4th Grade - [Class of 2025 Spanish](#)

4th Grade - [Class of 2025 Japanese](#)

5th Grade - [Class of 2024 Spanish](#)

5th Grade - [Class of 2024 Japanese](#)

Community Resources

SEEKING: Native Japanese speaker for product testing

Canary Benefits, Inc. is a startup focused on getting emergency relief payments to employees in crisis. We are currently testing our products international capabilities and are looking for a native Japanese speaker to test our translated application process and ability to send payments to Japan.

Ideal but not required: Japanese bank account. Product tester will be compensated approximately \$50 USD.

SOUND LIKE YOU?



Email Catherine Scagnelli at
catherine@workwithcanary.com

Catherine is the mom of a JSIS Kindergartener in the Spanish program



10N1 Fall Basketball Programs are HERE!

Join our positive and motivating staff this Fall to get ready and excited for basketball season!

- K-3rd Grade Saturday Instructional Leagues
- Player Development Programs (K-8th Grade)
- Pure Stroke Shooting Clinic (4th-10th Grade)
- Friday 3on3 Skills/Scrimmage Session (4th-6th Grade)

Programs begin in mid/late September at Villa Academy in Laurelhurst. Don't stay home bored....come get BETTER!

Register today at seattle.1on1basketball.com/programs
Space is limited!



French Kid and Teen classes at the Alliance Francaise de Seattle

Starting on September 14,, we will offer weekly French classes for children and teens. These classes take place at our Wallingford location in Seattle or online. You can take a peek at our program here, for

Kids (6-8): General French classes and workshops such as *French Winter Celebrations: Songs, Stories and Crafts A1/A2*

Youth (9-12): General French classes and workshops such as *French Winter Celebrations: Songs, Stories and Crafts A1/A2*

Teens (13-17) : General French classes and Teens Book Club!

Have fun in French this Fall! The Alliance Française de Seattle is inviting children ages 6 to 12 (beginner to intermediate) and Teens ages 13 to 17 (beginner to intermediate) to experience French through weekly online or onsite French classes with action-oriented and creative activities. Topics related to everyday life will allow students to introduce themselves and others, to describe their environment, and to express their feelings and preferences. Register here: <https://www.afseattle.org/learn-french/enroll/>



Fast-pitch Softball Team

Are you ready to Improve your softball skills? Interested in learning what it's like to play for your high school? Join the Roosevelt Fastpitch coaches and players for a day of instruction, competition, and fun!

The camp will be held Saturdays, Sep. 30th at Lower Woodland Park, from 9am -2pm. The camp is for ages 8-13 and all skill levels are welcome. For more details and registration information, please click [here](#).

The Rough Riders are three year defending Metro League Champions and have placed in the top 5 at the WA state tournament the last two years. Campers will develop fundamental skills, build confidence, and get a taste of high school ball.

Space is limited, [register](#) soon!



CONTACT eNEWS

Si desea la traducción de alguna parte de este informativo o tiene dudas relacionadas con el idioma, póngase en contacto con la maestra de su niño(a) o con Ms. Nina Machuca, ELL IA (252-6080), para ayuda inmediata.

連絡事項について、ご質問及び翻訳の必要がございましたら、日本語の担任または、春美チャペル先生ELL IA (252-6080) までご連絡ください。

Submissions are welcome for the weekly Sunday eNews. Deadline for submission is 6pm Friday. Please use the format found on this [link](#) and email your submission to JSISeNews@gmail.com.

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